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Dr. Karl W. Deutsch
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Dear Karl,

My pleasure at seeing your picture and the deserved honor in this morning's Washington "Post" and in noting either the use of an old picture or the kindness of the more than 20 years to you, was diminished by doubts about my once-dependable memory: I recall you as Karel.

Aside from congratulations, I have several purposes in writing. TV last night had a decent excerpt of Roche's remarks. The "Post" story this morning ignored what to me was of most interest in what he said. I'd very much like the full text if you can send it to me, please. Then, I think the work in which I have been engaged for the past several years might be of interest to you.

Beginning as an analyst and more recently as an investigator, I have made what I think I can without immodesty call the most thorough examination of both the John Kennedy assassination and its official investigation. I have published four books on these things, the first on the subject and those that since have added most of what new material was brought to light. With the curse of the first, I have had to be my own publisher, the least desireable side career for a writer, if one of the more informative ones.

Aside from the rather large published work, I have three unpublished books complete or close to it and three largely written. What I regard as the one that may be most important is researched but not written. It is possible I will also do a number of others. I certainly would if the prospects for publishing were more favorable.

I am astounded that political scientists have had so little interest in or understanding of the subject and its significance in the world and our society. To a large degree there has been abdication. Where there has been less, there has been a mixture of fear and ignorance. Not one of you expert in political science has approached it, for whatever reason. And, I regret to say, it is my opinion that of those who have written books on the subject, to date only two can qualify as scholarly writers with genuinely scholarly books. These are not the most popular or most successful.

Perhaps more tragic is the total lack of support of any kind for those with the dedication and courage to do what must be done. I, for example, have been without income for more than four years and have accumulated $35,000 in debts as a consequence of what I do.

In any event, because the only time I can travel is when I am a speaker and my expenses are paid, and because I anticipate no engagements in your area, I hope you can find the time when you are in Washington for us to get together. I think you will be more than interested in what I can tell you and show you. I am but an hour away from downtown Washington. Should your interest be sufficient to warrant a visit here, to see the evidence I have accumulated, we have the accomodations. Again, congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg